

Adoption and Use of the Interoperable Channels Plan

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Overview



- The Arizona Interoperable Channels Plan (ICP) and Priority Programming Guide were last updated in January 2012.
- The Plan integrated Arizona's interoperable channels (AIRS) with a portion of the national interoperable channels (NIFOG) and standardized the naming conventions in accordance with NPSTC guidelines.
- The plan has now stabilized after a series of updates to respond to external changes, state and local feedback and correcting inaccuracies in the document.
- The Plan is intended to increase interoperable communications throughout the state in the VHF, UHF, 700 and 800 MHz bands.
- It is suggested the each agency incorporate these channels into their channel plan the next time their radios are programmed, but no later than the narrowbanding deadline of January 1, 2013.

Key Part of the NECP



- Full Implementation of the Interoperable Channels Plan is a Key Part of the National Emergency Communications Plan (NECP):
 - Initiative 3.1: “ Use of the existing nationwide interoperability channels with common naming will immediately address interoperability requirements for agencies operating in the same frequency band.”
 - Milestone 3.1.7: “.... agencies incorporate the use of existing nationwide interoperability channels into SOPs, training, and exercises at the Federal, State, regional, local, and tribal levels.”

Key Part of Arizona's SCIP



- Strategic Initiative 3: Implement a Strategy for Supporting National Level Goals Applicable to Regional, State, Local and Tribal Interoperable Communications
 - 1) Promote compliance with state, local and tribal objectives and milestones as listed in the NECP
- Strategic Initiative 4: Establish a PSP Framework, and Implement PSPs, Including SOPs, for Statewide Interoperable Communications Solutions
- Strategic Initiative 6: Implement, Enhance and Promote Functional Regional Voice and Data Systems in Support of Interoperable Communications
 - Sub item 6) Program national interoperability channels into emergency responder radios (NECP milestone)

State Agency Adoption



- State Agency IT Project Oversight – Any IT project over \$25,000 is subject to review and approval by ADOA-ASET and the State CIO

State CIO, Aaron Sandeen also serves as Chair of the Public Safety Communications Advisory Commission (PSCC).

- In order to encourage State Agency adoption of the Plan, the following statement has been incorporated as a condition of approval of any LMR subscriber gear:

As part of its final deployment plan, in order to standardize and increase interoperable communications throughout the state, each agency must ensure that new and previously acquired subscriber units are programmed in accordance with Arizona's Statewide Interoperable Channel Plan – Priority Programming Guides.

- All State Agency Project Investment Justification (PIJ) approvals for narrowbanding in 2012 have included this condition.

How are We Doing Statewide?



- Our Outreach Plan provides resources for educating stakeholders on the importance of the Interoperable Channel Plan.
- Two major influences have helped move use of the Channel Plan forward to date:
 - Narrowbanding – with the required reprogramming, many jurisdictions planned to include the Interoperable Channels Plan
 - NECP Goal 2 - planning, events, observations and recommendations encouraged use of the Plan; After action reports – recommended that 10 counties start to use and 5 counties continue to use the Interoperable Channels
- As TICPs are developed, we encourage use of the Channel Plan

TICPs and the Interoperable Channel Plan



Currently 5 TICPs recommend the programming/use of the Interoperable Channel Plan

County	TICP Completed	ICP
Apache	To be developed 2012/2013	
Cochise	Sep-11	Y
Coconino	Apr-12	Y
Gila	Scheduled for 2013	
Graham	Scheduled for 2013	
Greenlee	Scheduled for 2013	
La Paz	Anticipated completion 2012	Y - DRAFT
Central AZ Region	Apr-12	Y
Mohave	May-11	N
Navajo	To be developed 2012/2013	
Pima	Mar-10 – To be revised Dec-12	Partial
Pinal	Mar-11	N
Santa Cruz	To be developed 2012/2013	
Yavapai	Scheduled for 2013	
Yuma	October 2009 – Update: August 22 2012	Y - DRAFT

Next Steps – More Broad Usage



- We would like to discuss how best to further promote adoption and use of the Plan:
 - Survey of interested parties - to determine status, intentions and impediments?
 - Encourage the use of the ICP during exercises and COML training
 - Continue to support development of TICPs (including Channel Plan)
 - Encourage associations (through key leadership) to promote the programming and use of the Interoperable Channels Plan?
 - » APCO/NENA
 - » Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police
 - » Arizona Fire Chiefs Association
 - » Arizona Ambulance Association
 - » Arizona Fire District Association
 - Other??????????



Thank you!

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